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### 1962-03-02, Bette to Mother

Bette J. Barto

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## Subject Terms

Women and the military, Women and war, United States -- Air Force, United States -- Army -- Air Forces, Photographs, Armed Forces -- Correspondence, Correspondence -- Vietnam War -- 1961-1975, Christmas

## Summary

This collection contains 139 correspondence from Maj. Bette J. Barto, USAFE to her parents while serving as a nurse during the late 1950s and 1960s. Also included are three photographs, one special orders document, and one marriage license. In several cases, Bette refers to her parents as "Lizzie" and "Hugh Elmer," or simply "Elmer." Three letters from 1961 or 1962 are undated and placed in a separate folder.

## Keywords

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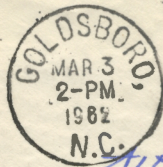
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Dear Mom,

I hope by now Daddy is feeling better and that he realizes the seriousness of this illness. If not, then it seems rather useless to bring him home to await another trip to the hospital.

We hope to hear from you today, or I'll probably try to call tonight.

Ray has been busy filling out many pages of paperwork in preparation for his trip to San Antonio for evaluation at the School of Aviation Medicine. He will probably leave here on Tuesday or Wednesday for his Friday a.m. appointment. If he gets finished in one day - which I doubt, he will try to come home Saturday. I fear he will be home later the following week according to the usual air force speed in doing things. I only hope the news is good because his beginning to be a bit upset by all this and so am I, as you can guess.

We have probably gotten our car before the horse with the spring planting, because the temperature dropped to 32° last night and we may get some sleet tonight. So far, nothing seems hurt, but I fear we should have waited a week or so more.



Roy found us some little red picket fence to complete fencing in of our back yard. We bought some iron posts at Sears yesterday, and hope to get it up tomorrow, even if the weather is bad. Maybe we can at least have some flowers and grass there; since it seems impossible to keep others from walking & playing in our front yard.

My dining room table is full of tomato and habia plants we transplanted into paper cups to let them get a little larger & more sturdy before going outdoors. My living room still greatly resembles a green house, too - more tomatoes & peppers in earlier stages of development.

I have had a few days of fairly quiet activity on the ward - only 11 patients with one seriously ill - so I'm writing this on duty.

lol Marge & Audrey are on leave; so Nancy & I are running the place until they return - hope it stays quiet.

It's time for a few chores; so I'll stop & hope things look a little brighter at 1717 Highland at this time.

Call me if you need me, Mom.  
Love you,  
Betty & Roy.